

Information for File # 2004-01459-BAJ

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Project Installation of approximately 4.5 miles of natural gas pipeline.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE:

Installation of a natural gas pipeline for the transport of natural gas to the City of New Ulm from the Hutchinson Utilities Commission gas pipeline located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of New Ulm.

NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS:

The pipeline was constructed through about 4-miles of forested wetland, wet meadow, and seasonally flooded area along the Minnesota River floodplain. Installation of the line did not result in changes to the contours of the original ground surface.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

This is an after-the-fact evaluation. The project originally proposed no wetland impacts, but installation of the line did not follow that plan.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:

A restoration order has been issued by the Brown County, Soil and Water Conservation District requiring restoration of vegetation and hydrology. The Corps is planning to issue an LOP A with special conditions requiring restoration and a five year monitoring plan.

Drawings See attached, below.





